

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/054,718

Examiner

Gregory J. Strimbu

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment of 7/24/04 and the tele. int. of 9/23/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15, 19, 20 and 24-26.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>9/23/04</u> . |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Karin H. Butchko on September 23, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the abstract:

line 1, deleted "a" and changed "component" to --components--

line 5, inserted --therebetween-- following "shoulder"

line 11, changed "features" to --feature--

In the specification:

in the amendment to paragraph 12, submitted February 2, 2004,

line 1, changed "3" to --3A-- and changed "3A" to --3B--

In the claims:

claim 1,

line 3, deleted "a part of"

line 4, deleted "a part of"

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line 10, deleted "the part of"

line 11, deleted "the part of"

line 13, changed "to align" to --and aligns--

line 14, deleted "the part of"

line 15, changed "to align" to --and aligns-- and deleted "the part of"

line 16, deleted "the part of"

line 17, deleted "part of the"

line 18, deleted "the part of"

line 19, deleted both occurrences of "the part of"

claim 3,

line 2, deleted "the part of"

claim 4,

line 2, deleted "the part of"

claim 5,

line 1, changed "2" to --1--

line 2, changed "threaded" to --second--

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claim 7,

line 1, changed "2 wherein the threaded" to --1 wherein the first fixing portion
comprises a--

changed line 2 to --tapered, threaded fixing portion.--

claim 9,

line 1, deleted "at least one"

line 2, deleted "of" and deleted "and the second fixing portion"

claim 11,

line 1, deleted "the part of"

line 2, deleted "the part of"

claim 13,

line 1, deleted "at least one"

line 2, deleted "of" and deleted "and the third hole"

claim 14,

line 2, deleted "the part of"

claim 15,

line 2, deleted "the part of"

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claim 19,

line 2, deleted both occurrences of "the part of"

claim 20,

line 3, deleted both occurrences of "the part of"

claim 24,

line 2, deleted "the part of"

claim 25,

line 2, changed "applies" to --is used to apply--

claim 26,

line 2, changed "include a thread" to --are threaded--

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record, absent applicant's own disclosure, fails to teach the entire combination of elements set forth in the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art of record fails to teach an assembly comprising a door panel including a first hole, a window regulator housing including a second hole, a window regulator motor including a third hole, a locating member assembled into the first hole, the second hole, and the third hole, the

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small diameter cylindrical portion located in the second hole and aligns the locating member relative to the window regulator housing and the large diameter portion is located in the third hole and aligns the locating member relative to the window regulator motor, thereby aligning the window regulator housing relative to the window regulator motor. See claim 1, lines 1-5 and 13-17.

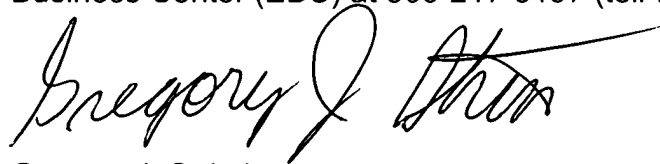
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory J. Strimbu whose telephone number is 703-305-3979. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on 703-308-2486. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory J. Strimbu", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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September 23, 2004